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Vaccine Ordering Update

The following vaccines are not available for February and March orders:

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>
Dtap-Hib	Trihibit	sanofi Pasteur
DT		sanofi Pasteur
Hepatitis A	Vaqta	MERCK
Hepatitis B / Hib	Comvax	MERCK
MMRV	Proquad	MERCK
Hib	Pedvax HIB	MERCK

There is limited amount of ActHIB to be distributed. February orders for ActHIB will be shipped separately from other vaccines ordered in February. Delivery of ActHIB orders may take 30 days or longer from the date of order and the amounts may be reduced based on availability.

Vaccines For Children (VFC) Vaccine Return Procedures

All Indiana State Department of Health Immunization Program vaccine that is not used by its expiration date or for whatever reason has been deemed unusable must be returned directly to **McKesson Specialty**, the company responsible for managing and shipping the national vaccine supply.

Please do not return any vaccine to General Injectables & Vaccines Inc. (GIV), Indiana's previous vaccine distributor. GIV will no longer accept vaccine returns. Please destroy any remaining GIV return shipping labels.

If it is necessary to return 317, VFC, or State provided vaccine, please follow these simple steps:

1. Call the ISDH Immunization Program at the toll free number, 1-800-701-0704 and advise our staff that you have vaccine that needs to be returned to McKesson.
2. Our staff will arrange to fax you an Indiana Return Vaccine Form (Provisional). This form may also be downloaded from the CHIRP website at chirp.in.gov
3. Complete and FAX this form to the ISDH Immunization Program at (317) 233-3719.
4. Retain a copy of this form for your files.
5. Place the vaccine to be returned in one or more of the empty shipping containers, retained from previous vaccine deliveries from McKesson. McKesson shipping containers have a return shipping label pre-attached to each box. If you do not have an empty McKesson shipping container, please wait until your next vaccine shipment arrives and use the empty container(s) for your return(s).
6. Place a copy of the Indiana Return Vaccine Form (Provisional) in the shipping container(s) and follow the return shipping instructions provided by McKesson (see insert that came with your vaccine order) for returning the container(s).

*** DO NOT SEND VACCINE DIRECTLY TO THE ISDH IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.**

Important Notice:

Please do not discard or destroy the McKesson shipping containers. They are recyclable. All unused containers should be returned to McKesson. You should keep a limited number of empty shipping containers on-hand for returns and in the event that you need to transfer vaccine due to an emergency (i.e., power failure). Return all unused shipping containers to McKesson using their attached return label.

Please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at 1-800-701-0704 if you have any questions.

MERCK – VAQTA[®] Hepatitis A Vaccine Shortage

Merck & Co., Inc. are experiencing production delays for Pediatric and Adult hepatitis A vaccine (Pediatric & Adult VAQTA[®]). Merck has temporarily discontinued accepting orders for Pediatric VAQTA[®] and Adult VAQTA[®] in the vial formulation. Based on current information, it is estimated that VAQTA[®] will be available in early third quarter 2008 and Adult VAQTA[®] in fourth quarter 2008.

Effective February 15, 2008, the Indiana VFC program will no longer accept orders for pediatric VAQTA[®]. Providers may substitute GSK's pediatric hepatitis A vaccine (Havrix[®]) for VAQTA[®] when submitting routine orders. It is anticipated that GSK will have an adequate vaccine supply to support increased demand during this shortage.

The Indiana Immunization Program does not offer GSK's Havrix[®] in the adult formulation.

Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Update

CHIRP is a robust immunization registry. Vital records, the ISDH Lead Program, and Medicaid input data into CHIRP along with over 2,000 other facilities. Of the 3 million individuals in CHIRP, 84 percent have at least one vaccination and 67 percent have two or more vaccinations. Last week 21,747 individuals were added to CHIRP with 55,034 vaccination records. If you would like to access CHIRP, please call 888-227-4439.

CHIRP Tip

CHIRP offers two levels of access, view-only and full-access. With view-only access a user may see all vaccinations that are in CHIRP for a specific individual, but may not add or edit vaccination records. Full-access allows a user to view all vaccinations and add administered or historical vaccinations. Full-access users may also edit some vaccination records. View-only access is typically given to school nurses and licensed daycare center directors. Vaccine providers typically receive full-access to CHIRP.

CHIRP Informational Sessions

NEW THIS YEAR! CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP's role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

February 21, 2008
1:00pm – 2:30pm EST
West Central Community Hospital
801 South Main Street
Clinton, IN 47842

CHIRP User Group Meeting – For *Current* CHIRP Users

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.

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Get Published!!!

Do you believe that your Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) has found a solution that other programs could use? Have you located a resource that you think other programs should know about? If so, please submit an article to Robert Bruce Scott, Immunization Health Education Coordinator, at rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov for possible publication in the Vaccine E-Letter.

Submissions will be archived for consideration and printed as space permits. We strive to keep the E-Letter short and to the point, so we request that submissions be no longer than one page, single-spaced, Times New Roman font size 12.

Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at: Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.